Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/006538, filed June 20, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10255922.8 filed November 29, 2002 and of European application No. 02014001.8 filed June 26, 2002, all the three applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 5-7, as follows:

The invention ~~object of the application~~ relates to a method for adaptive control of a network element in a communication network and a method for coupling a plurality of network elements.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 8, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 9-21, as follows:

Concepts exist ~~It gives the concept~~ for configuring network nodes using rules which have been predefined by an administrator and stored in a database. This 'policy based networking' of the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) is used on the one hand to load quasi-static configuration information into the network nodes. On the other hand, it can also be used to give

configurations, which need to be set depending on concrete connection requests, to the nodes at the time they are requested. To this end, a component that is superordinate to the network, the 'Policy Decision Point' (PDP), is introduced which is able to read the predefined rules from the database and to seek out the rule suitable for the given situation. It then loads corresponding configuration information into the network element PEP (stands for: 'Policy Enforcement Point').

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 33, as follows:
--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 lines 2-3, as follows:
This object is achieved by the claims ~~a method having the features described in Claim 1~~.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 lines 20-21, as follows:
Advantageous developments of the object of the application are set down in the dependent ~~su~~bclaims.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 22, as follows:
--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 3 line 35, as follows:
--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--